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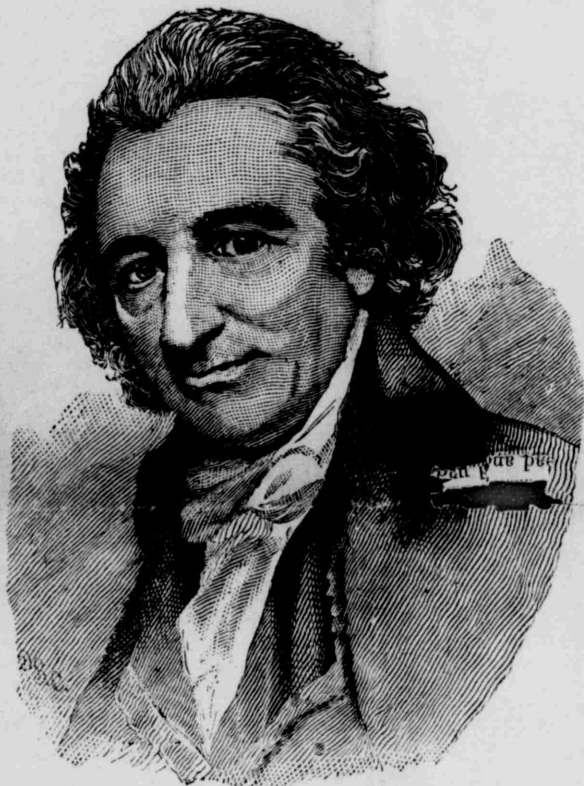
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Brigthest Jewel That Gleams in Proud Columbia's Crown of Glory

Through the Efforts of Thomas Paine the
Shadow of Old Glory Now Falls
Protectingly On American Homes

Soldier-Author of the American Revolution
Whose Pen of Fire Wrested Liberty
From Reluctant Hands of Tyrants

Purity, Patriotism, Principle



Thomas Paine

PAINE'S RELIGIOUS CREED.

"I believe in one God and no more; and I hope for happiness beyond this life.

"I believe in the equality of man; and I believe that religious duties consist in doing justice, loving mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow creatures happy.

"But some perhaps will say—Are we to have no word of God—no revelation? I answer, Yes; there is a word of God; there is a revelation.

"The word of God is the Creation we behold; and it is in this word, which no human invention can counterfeit or alter, that God speaketh universally to man. * * * It preaches to all nations and to all worlds; and this word of God reveals to man all that is necessary for man to know of God.—AGE OF REASON.

PAINE'S POLITICAL CREED.

"Society in every state is a blessing, but government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil; in its worst state an intolerable one; for when we suffer, or are exposed to the same miseries by a government, which we might expect in a country without government, our calamity is heightened by reflecting that we furnish the means by which we suffer. Security being the true design and an end of government, it unanswerably follows, that whatever form thereof appears most likely to ensure it to us, with the least expense and greatest benefit, is preferable to all others."—COMMON SENSE.

True Value And Worth of Thomas Paine to Mankind

His Great Aim Was To Build Up a Federation
of Republic To Include All the Nations of
Earth-Plan Outlined by Formation of
Federated States of America.
Was the Greatest of All
Political Reformers

First To Realize And Name
the Great Religion of Humanity

(BY THADDEUS BURR WAKEMAN.)

To the world at large a man is not what he is to himself, nor what he is really, but what the world comes to, or can be made to think of him. All such appreciation is determined by the religious, political, financial, social and other dominant interests and feelings of his time which he has either favored, or opposed and disturbed.

The result is that as these dominant interests and world-views change with the solution of human progress, the characters of the distinguished men and women they have sent to heaven or hell must have a new day of judgment—and may even have to change places! So has it been with the great actors in Grecian and Roman history and the Middle Ages. Whether we should go up or down to

find the souls of Graecchi, or of Caesar, or of the more recent characters like Napoleon, depends upon the changes of our said dominant interests contrasted with theirs.

What then were and are those contrasted interests in regard to Thomas Paine? and what are their judgments really worth? What was the world in which Paine lived compared with the world for which he lived, and ours. There can be no question but that Paine's life was one of persistent, consistent and devoted endeavor to realize his ideal republic as against the actual and practical world of despotisms in which he lived. Now which of

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From His Brain Came America's Magna Charta

Inspired Our Declaration of Independence
And Transformed the Human Mind
Into a Grand Cathedral Where
Reason In Its Majesty
Unfurled the Banner
of Intellectual
Freedom

Deep Reverence of An American
Woman For Memory of Paine

(By Josephine K. Henry)

"Speak of me as I am,
Nothing extenuate, nor set
Down aught in malice."

BARD OF AVON.

No character in history in the past three hundred years has been a more powerful factor in shaping the governmental, social and religious life of Europe and America than that of Thomas Paine.

His struggles and heroism and his writings, in England, France and America, make him the greatest apostle of liberty of modern times.

The thoughts of Thomas Paine voice the interests and higher aims of all nations truly loyal to liberty, whether the cry comes from oppressed Russia, socialistic Germany and Italy, monarchical England

or republican France or America. The spirit of Thomas Paine is in the battle cry for liberty and equality of rights that is ringing around the earth today.

The women of the world owe Thomas Paine a debt of gratitude they can never pay whether they recognize the fact or not for he was the first man on the American continent that pleaded for the protection of the human rights of their sex.

The brain of Thomas Paine conceived America's great Magna Charta, the "Declaration of Independence," and "The Bill of Rights," the corner stones of American republicanism. Washington,

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